CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Collision Repair and Refinish







Do You Like...

... working with your hands?

... solving problems?

... rebuilding things?

... organization and detail?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Collision Repair and **Refinish** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a collision repair and refinish technician, including:

- » Repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies and straightening vehicle frames.
- » Replacing or repairing broken windshields and window glass.
- » Reviewing damage reports, preparing or reviewing repair cost estimates, and planning work to be performed.
- » Sanding body areas to be painted and covering bumpers, windows, and trim with masking tape or paper to protect them from the paint.
- » Following supervisors' instructions, such as which parts to restore or replace and how much time the job should take.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Dependability
- » Cooperation
- » Attention to detail
- » Initiative

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a collision repair and refinish technician, including having:

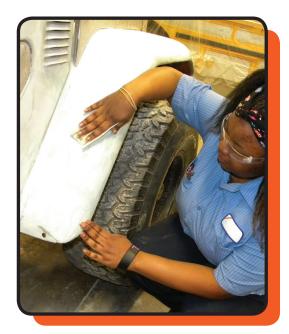
- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete an Automotive and Machine Repair training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), and the United Automobile Workers (UAW). Credentials such as these prepare students for work in original equipment manufacturing (OEM) dealerships and aftermarket automotive machine shops.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Collision Repair and Refinish graduates go to work for body shops, including independently owned body shops and those found in car dealerships. Collision repair and refinish technicians spend most of the day on their feet in shops that are well-ventilated to disperse dust and paint fumes. They sometimes work in confined spaces, and their labor can be physically demanding. Although most technicians work full time, many work overtime and weekend hours.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most collision repair and refinish technicians is \$40,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.





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